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Langley Research Center: Improving the Way the World Lives

NASA Langley Research Center was chartered to "...study...the problems of flight with a view to their practical solution." Founded in 1917 as the U.S. government's first civilian aeronautical research laboratory, Langley continues to conduct high-risk, high-payoff activities that contribute to our quality of life.

Dr. Jeremiah F. Creedon, the seventh Director of NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA, will present "Langley Research Center: Contributing to the Quality of Life for Americans" at a colloquium at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at NASA Langley's H.J.E Reid Conference Center.

Media briefing

A media briefing will be held at 1:15 p.m. in the Wythe Room of the Reid Conference Center, 14 Langley Blvd. at NASA Langley. Media who wish to attend the briefing should contact Kimberly W. Land at (757) 864-9885.

Creedon will talk about the many accomplishments the center has made over the past 80 years, giving examples of past and current activities to illustrate how Langley's efforts address significant problems and solutions to improve the air transportation system, while assuring the pre-eminence of U.S. military aircraft.

He will also discuss Langley's role in helping to reduce the cost of access to space, provide understanding of the Earth's atmosphere and stimulate the usage of aerospace technology spin-offs.

Creedon began his NASA career at Langley in June 1963 and has conducted and managed research related to aircraft control and information systems, avionics technology, and aircraft flight control systems. As director, Creedon is responsible for the center's aeronautical and space research programs, all facilities, personnel and administration.

The public is invited to the Sigma Series lecture at the Virginia Air and Space Center that evening, at 7:30 p.m.